

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A handheld container comprising:
a container body having a plurality of walls defining an open top cavity;
a handle extending from said container body adjacent the cavity and being adapted to be grasped by a human hand;
a divider disposed in said cavity; and
said container body including means for removably retaining said divider in said cavity thereby dividing said cavity in two, said divider sealing against liquid leakage between said divided cavities.
2. (Original) The handheld container according to claim 1 wherein said plurality of walls includes a front wall having a generally horizontally extending upper portion and a sloped lower portion.
3. (Original) The handheld container according to claim 2 including a rib formed on an interior surface of said front wall and adapted to retain a mini paint roller resting on said upper portion.
4. (Original) The handheld container according to claim 2 including at least one generally horizontally extending rib formed on an interior surface of said lower portion of said front wall.
5. (Original) The handheld container according to claim 1 including a front wall, a rear wall and a pair of side walls attaching said front wall to said rear wall.
6. (Original) The handheld container according to claim 5 wherein said front, rear and side walls each slope inwardly from a top to a bottom.
7. (Original) The handheld container according to claim 5 including a lip extending upwardly from an upper edge of each of said front, rear and side walls.

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8. (Original) The handheld container according to claim 7 wherein said lip is displaced outwardly from said front, rear and side walls forming an inner upwardly facing step and an outer downwardly facing step.

9. (Original) The handheld container according to claim 1 wherein said handle includes a grip portion adapted to be grasped by a human hand and a connector portion attaching said grip portion to said container body.

10. (Original) The handheld container according to claim 9 wherein said grip portion has a tubular shape permitting nesting with another of the handheld container.

11. (Original) The handheld container according to claim 1 wherein said handle includes a hang tab extending therefrom.

12. (Original) The handheld container according to claim 1 wherein said divider tapers inwardly from an upper edge to a lower edge.

13. (Original) The handheld container according to claim 1 wherein said means for removably retaining includes a pair of spaced apart flanges formed on an interior surface of said container body, said flanges defining a groove therebetween for receiving edges of said divider.

14. (Original) The handheld container according to claim 1 wherein said walls include a bottom wall of said cavity and wherein said handle has a bottom wall, said bottom walls extending in a common plane for resting the handheld container on a support surface.

15. (Currently Amended) A handheld painting container comprising:
a container body having a front wall, a rear wall, a pair of side walls and a bottom wall, said walls being connected to define an open top cavity;
a handle extending from said container body adjacent the cavity and being adapted to be grasped by a human hand; and
a divider removably disposed in said cavity and sealingly engaging said side walls and said bottom wall thereby dividing said cavity in two.

16. (Original) The handheld container according to claim 14 wherein said front wall has a generally horizontally extending upper portion and a sloped lower portion and including a rib formed on an interior surface of said front wall and adapted to retain a mini paint roller resting on said upper portion.

17. (Original) The handheld container according to claim 16 including a plurality of generally horizontally extending ribs formed on an interior surface of said lower portion of said front wall.

18. (Currently Amended) A handheld container comprising:
a container body having a front wall, a rear wall, a pair of side walls and a bottom wall, said walls being connected to define an open top cavity;
a handle extending from said container body, said handle including a grip portion adapted to be grasped by a human hand and a connector portion connecting said grip portion to said rear wall; and
a divider removably disposed in said cavity and sealingly engaging said side walls and said bottom wall thereby dividing said cavity in two.

19. (Original) The handheld container according to claim 18 wherein said grip portion is tubular permitting nesting with another of the handheld container.

20. (Original) The handheld container according to claim 18 wherein said bottom wall of said cavity and a bottom wall of said handle extend in a common plane for resting the handheld container on a support surface.

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